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SUBJECT: MBFR DATA

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: A. USNATO 0591 NOTAL

B. USNATO 0513 NOTAL

C. STATE 19284 NOTAL

SUMMARY. MBFR DATA SUPPORT SUBGROUP IS TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 12
TO DISCUSS DATA IN STATE 19284. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO
EXPLAIN CONVINCINGLY US MBFR DATA, WE NEED, PRIOR TO FEB 12,
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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN USNATO 0513 AND TO QUESTIONS OUTLINED
BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. WE NEED TO KNOW IF 34 THOUSAND US AIR FORCES MANPOWER IN

NGA INCLUDE BERLIN FORCES AND IF SO, HOW MANY? UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WILL INFORM MBFR DATA SUBGROUP THAT IN LINE WITH ORIGINAL NATO REQUEST (SEE USNATO 5627), DATA ON AIR FORCES MANPOWER IS ACTUAL STRENGTH AS OF AUGUST 1973. NATO STILL WANTS A BREAKOUT OF US AIR MANPOWER BY COMBAT UNITS, AD UNITS, HQS AND SUPPORT UNITS FOR FORCES UNDER NATO AND NATIONAL COMMAND. WE RECOGNIZE DEFINITIONAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A BREAKOUT AND RECOMMEND US PROVIDE BREAKOUT ON BASIS OF US ORGANIZATIONAL CONCEPTS. WE UNDERSTAND MOST COUNTRIES WITH AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN NGA HAVE PROVIDED A FUNCTIONAL BREAK-OUT.

2. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WILL INFORM MBFR DATA SUBGROUP THAT WE EXPECT THAT US FIGURE OF 34 THOUSAND WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH US RESPONSE TO DPQ(74) AND US SUBMISSION TO NATO FORCE DATA BASE AND THAT IF IT IS NOT, DIFFERENCES WILL BE EXPLAINED WHEN THESE DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED. ON PACT DATA, RECOGNIZING THAT NATO DRAWS ITS DATA ON WP FORCES FROM MC 161 AND RELATED DOCUMENTS, WE INTEND TO SAY THAT CURRENT US PROPOSALS (STATE 19284) ON BOTH AIR AND GROUND MANPOWER ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS DATA ON WHICH US WILL SEEK ALLIED AGREEMENT FOR INCORPORATION INTO 1974 VERSION OF MC 161. COMMENT. WE EXPECT ALLIES WILL EXPRESS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN REVISED US ESTIMATES OF NSWP (NOW-SOVIET WARSAW PACT) GROUND FORCES PERSONNEL. END COMMENT.

3. UK DEL TOLD USNATO INFORMALLY THAT US ESTIMATE OF 9,500 UK AIR FORCES MANPOWER IN NGA INCLUDES A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN BERLIN WHICH UK DOES NOT COUNT AS PART OF NGA. WE UNDERSTAND UK HAS APPROXIMATELY 650 AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN BERLIN.

4. FRG HAS ALSO PROVIDED ESTIMATES ON WP AIR FORCES MANPOWER IN NGA TO CHAIRMAN MBFR DATA SUBGROUP. WE UNDERSTAND FRG ESTIMATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AIR MANPOWER IN NGA

SOVIET 60,400

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NSWP

EAST GERMANY 28,400 (16,000 CMB; 4,100 TRG; 8,300 AD)

POLAD 56,700 (30,000 CMB; 5,800 TRG; 20,900 AD)

CSSR 35,800 (20,000 CMB; 4,800 TRG; 11,000 AD)

TOTAL WP IN NGA 181,300

CAN WASHINGTON PROVIDE EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 21 THOUSAND PERSONNEL BETWEEN FRG AND US ESTIMATES OF WP AIR MANPOWER IN NGA? COMMENTS: FRG HAS PREPARED INITIAL DRAFT (BASIC

WORKING PAPER) FOR AIR SECTION OF MC 161/74; WE UNDERSTAND THAT
FRG DRAFT SHOWS SIMILAR DIFFERENCE WITH US ESTIMATES.
END COMMENT.

5. ON FEB 7, WE RECEIVED FROM CANADIAN MBFR WG REP COPY OF HIS
MEMORANDUM TO CHAIRMAN DATA SUBGROUP ON BREAK-DOWN OF CANADIAN
GROUND/AIR FORCES IN NGA.

BEGIN TEXT OF MEMORANDUM.

A. MY AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE
5,000 CANADIAN PERSONNEL SERVING WITH 4 CMBG, 1CAG AND ASSO-
CIATED HEADQUARTERS IN THE LAHR AREA THEY WOULD ALSO WISH THE
200 CANADIAN OFFICERS SERVING IN VARIOUS STAFF POSITIONS
ELSEWHERE IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
WHEN COMPILING THE DATA BASE FOR CANADIAN FORCES IN THE
NGA.

B. IN ADDING THESE 200 STAFF POSITIONS TO THE DATA BASE
WHICH I PROVIDED YOU WITH DECEMBER 4, 140 SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED
WITH GROUND FORCES AND THE REMAINING 60 WITH AIR FORCES.

C. THIS WILL RESULT IN A GROUND FORCES TOTAL OF 3,940
AND AN AIR FORCES TOTAL OF 1,260 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF
CANADIAN PERSONNEL IN THE NGA OF 5,200.

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